

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE/GROUP-SHERIFFS: Provides for payment of group insurance for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of Bienville Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1448(G) and to enact R.S. 33:1448(U), relative to the
3 premium costs of group hospital and health insurance for retired sheriffs and retired
4 deputy sheriffs in Bienville Parish; to provide for eligibility for payment of premium
5 costs; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:1448(G) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:1448(U)
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1448. Group insurance; kinds; amounts; subrogation

10 * * *

11 G. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
12 premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and
13 the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of
14 this Section shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and
15 deputy sheriffs retired with at least fifteen years of service who are at least fifty-five
16 years of age or retired with at least thirty years of service at any age. The provisions
17 of this Subsection shall be applicable only to the sheriffs' offices of the parishes of
18 Bossier, St. Bernard, St. Martin, Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, ~~Bienville~~,
19 Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, DeSoto, East
20 Feliciana, Grant, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lincoln, Livingston,

1 Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, St. James,
2 St. John, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West
3 Carroll, West Feliciana, and any parish with a population of between one hundred
4 thousand and one hundred two thousand according to the latest federal decennial
5 census and the sheriff of the Civil District Court of the parish of Orleans, for their
6 respective retirees. The provisions of this Subsection shall also apply to the
7 employees of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund and the Louisiana Sheriffs'
8 Association, which fund and association shall pay the premium costs for their
9 employees.

10 * * *

11 U. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, the
12 sheriff of Bienville Parish shall pay out of the sheriff's general fund the premium
13 costs of group insurance for any retired sheriff and any retired deputy sheriff who
14 retired from the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office as follows:

15 (1) One hundred percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,
16 medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life
17 insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy
18 sheriff retired with thirty years or more of creditable service with the Louisiana
19 Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

20 (2) Seventy-five percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical,
21 medical expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life
22 insurance contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy
23 sheriff retired with twenty-five years of creditable service with the Louisiana
24 Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

25 (3) Fifty percent of the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical
26 expense, and dental insurance and the first ten thousand dollars of life insurance
27 contracted for under the provisions of this Section if the sheriff or deputy sheriff
28 retired with twenty years of creditable service with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension
29 and Relief Fund.

1 ~~(4) The provisions of Paragraphs (1) through (3) and this Paragraph of this~~
 2 ~~Subsection shall only apply to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who are covered by the~~
 3 ~~Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund after January 1, 2009, and who~~
 4 ~~subsequently retire from the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office.~~

5 Section. 2. The provisions of R.S. 33:1448(G) prior to its amendment by this Act
 6 which applied to the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office shall continue to apply to all sheriffs
 7 and deputy sheriffs hired prior to January 1, 2009, and who are covered by the Louisiana
 8 Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Fannin

HB No. 34

Abstract: Provides for the payment of insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Bienville Parish.

Present law provides that the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance shall be paid in full from the sheriff's general fund for all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age.

Proposed law removes Bienville Parish from present law (R.S. 33:1448(G)), and provides that premium costs shall be paid at 100% for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs with 30 years of service, 75% for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs with 25 years of service, and 50% for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs with 20 years of service.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law (R.S. 33:1448(U)) shall only apply to persons hired within the La. Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund after Jan. 1, 2009, and who subsequently retire from the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of R.S. 33:1448(G) prior to its amendment by proposed law and which applied to the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office shall continue to apply to all sheriffs and deputy sheriffs hired prior to Jan 1, 2009, and who are covered by the La. Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund.

(Amends R.S. 33:1448(G); Adds R.S. 33:1448(U))